

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 739–742, and S. Con. Res. 25. **Page S3358**

Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2005, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Crotty, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees, and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S3363**

China Currency Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, shall, no later than July 27, 2005, call up S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful; that if the bill has not been reported by then by the Committee on Finance, it be discharged at that time, and the Senate begin its consideration; that there be 2 hours for debate equally divided between the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the Democratic Leader, or his designee; that no amendments or motions be in order, including Committee amendments; that after the use, or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill; provided further, that the bill become the pending business when the Senate resumes legislative session after July 26, 2005, under the above terms and conditions if it has not been considered prior to that time. **Page S3363**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Page S3364**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:16 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3364.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: CORPS OF ENGINEERS/ BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and R. Tomas Weimer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, both of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on the Administration's views on

how best to improve and reform regulatory oversight of the housing government-sponsored enterprises, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Extension. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on OSHA, on the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jonathon Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Howard, M.D., National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard by Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, GSA.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC/Global Posture Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.